

PH-80
JT:wjl

ST. PETER'S CHURCH
Germantown
Pennsylvania

PH-80
JT:wjl
1

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, Germantown, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

The congregation of St. Peter's parish occupies a stone church building on property at the corner of Wayne Avenue and Harvey Street in Germantown. The church seats 300 persons and is reported to be in good condition. The parish house is close to the church and is a stone structure of seven rooms. The Church Self-Study Form reported that it was in fairly good condition with no large improvements needed. At the time of the visitation meeting, a representative of the Division of Research observed the need for modernization and improved maintenance care.

Alongside the church is a stone chapel that contains four rooms and is in fair condition. This building is used for early Sunday morning services and for choir rehearsal. Some modernization of the building, or adaptation of space use, seemed indicated.

The rectory is a 14-room stone residence close to, but separated from, the chapel. It needed some refurbishing.

Insurance coverage is 81.2% of the reported replacement value of these buildings. The history of St. Peter's Church dates from 1873 when the first and present church building was erected.

THE CHURCH NEIGHBORHOOD

The area around St. Peter's Church facilities is a changing one. Deteriorating residences are being replaced by apartment houses and some developments. The area is basically residential, although there are some commercial enterprises not far away.

The United States Census Bureau has divided the City of Philadelphia into small geographical units called census

PH-80
wj1
2

tracts, which are used for enumeration purposes. St. Peter's is located in Census Tract 59-G. The Division of Research has arbitrarily assigned this census tract plus six additional and adjacent tracts to comprise a combined "parish study area".

In 1960, the population of this parish study area was 18,688 persons. No comparable 1950-60 population ratios are available except in Census Tracts 21-B and 21-C. The first of these showed a -5.8% population decline while the second showed a 25.5% population increase.

In the immediate neighborhood of St. Peter's Church there are a very few children and a great many elderly people. This may be seen on the chart below where less than 9% of the population is under 15 and almost 25% is 65 years of age and over. These are figures that were reflected at the time of the 1960 census. The non-White content of the population is heavy except in the immediate vicinity of the church buildings and in the two census tracts south and west of the church location.

CENSUS TRACT	POPULATION		% CHANGE	% 14 & UNDER	% 65 & OVER	% NON-WHITE
	1950	1960				
59-G	NA	1821	-	8.8	24.3	1.9
59-F	NA	5861	-	18.4	20.0	39.2
59-E	NA	1542	-	17.5	16.3	32.1
59-D	NA	4630	-	20.8	18.1	41.9
59-H	NA	3458	-	18.7	19.1	13.4
21-B	1372	1292	-5.8	23.4	10.5	0.7
21-C	51	64	25.5	21.9	3.1	0
TOTAL		18,688				28.0

P 0
JT:wj1
3

The area population is fairly well educated as indicated by the median education level of 12 years or more in all except one census tract. The percentage of adults 25 years of age and over who were college graduates is shown below. The median age of the area in 1960 was relatively high. It was particularly high in the immediate vicinity of St. Peter's Church buildings. Details of the age and educational level may be seen below.

EDUCATION OF ADULTS 25 YEARS OF AGE & OVER

CENSUS TRACT	% H.S. GRAD.		% COLLEGE 1-3 YRS.	% COLLEGE GRAD.	OVER 25	MED. ED.	MED. AGE	MED. F
						M		
59-G	26.4	16.2		23.7	1537	12.6	51.1	55.0
59-F	22.4	14.1		16.2	4121	12.1	35.4	46.4
59-E	15.3	7.1		15.0	1438	11.5	42.3	51.0
59-D	23.9	11.5		14.4	3189	12.0	35.7	43.9
59-H	23.1	20.2		32.4	2468	13.4	43.0	49.5
21-B	24.0	12.2		19.2	838	12.2	32.7	39.7
21-C	NA	NA		NA	44			

Between 1955 and 1960 just under half of the residents in most of the parish study area moved in or out of their present dwellings. The most stable portion of the parish study area was to be found in Census Tract 21-B and 21-C. The median family income, as noted below, would be classified as moderate.

CENSUS TRACT	1950 NON-WHITE POPULATION	1960 POPULATION	% CHANGE	P.R. 1960	Residence	As 1955 Percent
					Fam. Inc.	
59-G	NA	35	-	0	7950	51.9
59-F	NA	2297	-	4	6029	52.9
59-E	NA	495	-	5	6500	55.2
59-D	NA	1939	-	0	5692	50.2
59-H	NA	465	-	0	9663	53.6
21-B	34	9	-73.5	0	8563	66.9
21-C	0	0	-	0	NA	62.5
TOTAL		5,240			9 = 0.05% Total Population	

PH-80
JT:wjl
4

By combining the membership maps of all Episcopal congregations in the Diocese, it can be seen that at the time of the Study there were 1271 identifiable Episcopalian residing in the seven census tracts of St. Peter's parish area. These Episcopalian represent 6.8% of the 1960 population. This figure is considerably higher than the Diocesan ratio of 3.2% and the national ratio of 1.8%

Of these 1271 Episcopalian, 300, or 23.6%, look to St. Peter's for spiritual guidance. This number is 54.7% of the mapped membership of the congregation.

The following chart gives the Episcopal distribution in the area.

CENSUS TRACT	TOTAL POP.	TOTAL EPIS.	% OF POP. EPIS.	TOTAL PARISH MEMB.	% EPIS. MEMB.	% PARISH MEMB.
59-G	1821	75	4.1	41	54.7	7.5
59-F	5861	512	8.7	81	15.8	14.8
59-E	1542	98	6.4	19	19.4	3.5
59-D	4630	202	4.4	48	23.8	8.7
59-H	3458	212	6.1	22	10.4	4.0
21-B	1292	113	8.7	89	78.8	16.2
21-C	64	59	92.2	0	0	0
	18,688	1,271	6.8	300	23.6	54.7

Located within the church neighborhood are three public grade schools, one public high school, one private grade school, and three private or parochial high schools. In addition, there are 24 other religious congregations within the church neighborhood, including six Presbyterian, three Methodist, two Roman Catholic, two Baptist, and six Episcopal Churches. Details of these schools and churches may be found on pages K 1-3 of the Church Self-Study Form.

PH 90
J1 wkl
5

THE CHURCH PROGRAM

Because the discussion at the end of this Study is longer than usual, and embodies comments on the most pertinent aspects of the parish's program, there is no need to duplicate the information here.

All parish leaders are urged to read the Church Self-Study Form Report, which is included in the Study following this page. Attention should be paid to the thoughtful comments, the statistics, and the "noes and nones" as they occur.

GENERAL DIVISION OF RESEARCH AND FIELD STUDY
Episcopal Church Center
815 Second Avenue
New York, N. Y. 10017

PK-8D

Date February 1, 1964

CHURCH SELF-STUDY FORM

I. IDENTIFICATION

Street WAYNE AVE. & HARVEY ST.

Church ST. PETER'S, GERMANTOWN

County PHILADELPHIA

City PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Parish or Mission PARISH

Diocese PENNA.

What geographic area does this church serve? _____

WEST GERMANTOWN AREA OF NORTH PHILADELPHIA

II. THE CHURCH NEIGHBORHOOD

A. The church is located in a section of the city which is occupied by:

Downtown commercial uses _____ Industrial uses _____ Apartment dwellings X

Rooming houses _____ Single-home dwellings X A college _____ Military uses _____ Other institutions _____

B. If more than one type is checked above, please clarify:

TREND IS TOWARD APARTMENT HOUSES

C. Is the church neighborhood changing in any way? Describe:

RUNDOWN AREA BEING REPLACED BY HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS.

OLD MANSION TYPE RESIDENCES BEING RAZED FOR MODERN APT. HOUSES.

D. The following schools are located within the church neighborhood:

<u>PUBLIC GRADESCHOOLS</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
<u>PASTORIUS SCHOOL</u>	<u>HAINES ST. AND GTN. AVE., PHILA.</u>
<u>HILL SCHOOL</u>	<u>RITTENHOUSE AND McCALLUM STS.</u>
<u>KEYSER SCHOOL</u>	<u>MANHEIM AND KEYSER STS.</u>

PUBLIC JUNIOR AND SENIOR
HIGH SCHOOLS

GERMANTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

ADDRESS

GERMANTOWN AVE. AND HIGH ST., PHILA.

PRIVATE OR PAROCHIAL NURSERY SCHOOLS

~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

ADDRESS

~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

PRIVATE OR PAROCHIAL GRADE SCHOOLS

STEVENS SCHOOL

ADDRESS

WALNUT LANE AND GREEN ST., PHILA.

PRIVATE OR PAROCHIAL JUNIOR AND SENIOR
HIGH SCHOOLS

PENN CHARTER SCHOOL

ADDRESS

SCHOOL LANE AND FOX ST., PHILA.

GERMANTOWN ACADEMY

SCHOOL LANE AND GREENE ST., PHILA.

FRIENDS SCHOOL

WEST COULTER ST., PHILA.

JUNIOR COLLEGES AND COLLEGES

ADDRESS

E. The following churches are located within the church neighborhood:

NAME OF CHURCH AND DENOMINATION	ADDRESS
2ND BAPTIST	GERMANTOWN AVE. & UPSAL ST., PHILA.
MEMORIAL BAPTIST	WAYNE AVE. & QUEEN LANE, PHILA.
ST. CATHERINE CATHOLIC	440 W. PENN ST., PHILA.
ST. MADELEINE "	6440 GREENE ST., PHILA.
MARKET SQUARE PRESBYTERIAN	GERMANTOWN AVE. & SCHOOL LANE
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN	33 W. CHELTEN AVE., PHILA.
SUMMIT PRESBYTERIAN	GREENE & WESTVIEW STS., PHILA.
WAYNE AVE. PRESBYTERIAN	5128 WAYNE AVE., PHILA.
WESTSIDE PRESBYTERIAN	PULASKI AVE. & WINONA ST., PHILA.
FAITH PRESBYTERIAN	5335 PULASKI AVE., PHILA.
UNITARIAN CHURCH OF GTN.	6311 LINCOLN DRIVE
2ND CHRISTIAN SCIENCE	5443 GREENE ST., PHILA.
GREENE ST. FRIENDS MEETING	47 W. COULTER ST., PHILA.
FIRST METHODIST	6023 GERMANTOWN AVE., PHILA.
ADVOCATE METHODIST	WAYNE AVE. & QUEEN LANE, PHILA.
ST. STEPHENS METHODIST	5213 GERMANTOWN AVE., PHILA.
ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL	GTN. AVE. ABOVE COULTER, PHILA.
CALVARY EPISCOPAL	PULASKI AVE. & MANHEIM ST., PHILA.
EPIPHANY EPISCOPAL	LINCOLN DR. & CARPENTER LANE, PHILA.
GOOD SHEPHERD EPISCOPAL	OAK ROAD, PHILA.
ST. BARNABAS' EPISCOPAL	RITTENHOUSE & McCALLUM STS., PHILA.
CHRIST CHURCH & ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL	29 W. TULPEHOCKEN ST., PHILA.
ATONEMENT REFORMED	GREENE ST. & WALNUT LANE, PHILA.
MENNONTIE	6121 GERMANTOWN AVE., PHILA.

III. HISTORY OF THE CONGREGATION

Please write out a short history of this congregation. How was the work started? Give the important dates and events.

St. Peter's Church, Germantown, was built in 1873, the first service being held on December 21, 1873. Dr. Rumney, the first Rector, had come to Philadelphia in 1870 to become Rector of Christ Church, Germantown. A number of his friends and communicants of Christ Church decided that a new church should be founded in the western part of Germantown.

Mr. Henry H. Houston offered to give a lot of ground at Wayne and Harvey St. This generous offer was gratefully accepted. Mr. Houston also assumed the mortgage covering the cost of the buildings and later entered satisfaction on the records without receiving any of the principal or accrued interest.

On November 17, 1880, the church was consecrated by the Bishop of the Diocese. In May, 1884, the rectory was completed and Dr. Rumney moved in. It is interesting to note that in the more than twenty years of its existence, St. Peter's has had only four rectors, including our present rector, the Reverend Warren H. Davis, Jr.

Mr. Houston was Rector's Warden from 1873 until his death in 1895. In 1897, a new and beautiful chancel was erected by Mrs. Houston in memory of Mr. Houston. One last interesting note is that the consent for the building of the church was obtained from the Bishop and concurred in by the several rectors of Germantown. I doubt that this consent could be obtained today from the several dozen Germantown rectors.

IV. THE LOCAL CONGREGATION

A. Church properties:

1. Describe and give location of all land owned by the congregation, reporting the use of each parcel.

6000 WAYNE AVENUE, PHILA., PA.

IT IS USED FOR THE CHURCH, PARISH HOUSE, CHAPEL, RECTORY

2. Type of church building: Frame Brick Stone Other _____
(type)

Describe the church building, giving number of sittings; condition of building; and improvements needed, with estimated cost:

SITTING FOR 300, IN GOOD CONDITION.

Replacement Value \$ 402,677 Amount of insurance carried \$ 326,142

3. Type of parish hall or house: Attached Separated ;
In basement of the church ; Frame Brick
Stone Other _____
(type)

Describe, giving the number of rooms, the condition of the building, and improvements needed, with the estimated cost.

7 ROOMS - IT IS IN A FAIRLY GOOD CONDITION. NO LARGE IMPROVEMENT

NEEDED.

Replacement value \$ 219,659 Amount of insurance carried \$ 180,728

4. Type of rectory or clergy house: Attached _____ Separated I;
Frame I Brick I Stone I Other _____
(type)

Describe, giving the number of rooms, the condition of this building, and improvements needed, with estimated cost.

11 ROOMS - IT DOES NEED SOME WORK AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$1000.00

Is it used as a clergy residence? YES If not, what use is made of the building?

Replacement value: \$ 68,630 Insurance carried: \$ 55,535

5. Describe all other buildings owned or used by the congregation, giving
(a) type of construction; (b) number of rooms; (c) condition;
(d) improvements needed and estimated cost; (e) replacement value;
(f) amount of insurance carried; and (g) present use.

CHAPEL - STONE - 4 ROOMS

IN GOOD CONDITION

REPLACEMENT VALUE \$106,060.00

INSURANCE \$ 84,848.00

USED FOR EARLY SUNDAY SERVICE, CHOIR PRACTICE.

B. Membership (secure from parish records):

1. Number of church families: Total number 152

Number of individuals not in families 197

2. Baptized membership Communicants Church School

<u>1950</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>Now</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>Now</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>Now</u>
<u>611</u>	<u>736</u>	<u>618</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>481</u>	<u>479</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>70</u>

3. Number of baptized members who were removed from the parish list

<u>5 yrs.</u>	<u>4 yrs.</u>	<u>3 yrs.</u>	<u>2 yrs.</u>	Last year
<u>120</u>	<u>ago</u>	<u>ago</u>	<u>320</u>	<u>year</u>

Don't have these figures.

Number of baptized members who were added to the parish list

Don't have these figures.

4. Communicants added:

By confirmation from Episcopal families

<u>19</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>7</u>
-----------	-----------	-----------	----------	----------

By confirmation from other Churches

<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2</u>
----------	----------	----------	----------	----------

By reception from other Churches

<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
----------	----------	----------	----------	----------

By baptism and confirmation from no church

<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
----------	----------	----------	----------	----------

Total

<u>22</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>9</u>
-----------	-----------	-----------	----------	----------

5. Attendance:

Number of communicants who attended regularly last year

c. 180

Number of communicants who attended occasionally

c. 136

Number who did not attend last year, but lived in the community

c. 103

Number of communicants who did not live in the community, but were on the parish records, not transferred

c. 60

How many persons attended the last annual business meeting?

c. 35

V. WORSHIP

A. List schedule of regular Sunday services, including church school:

TYPE OF SERVICE	HOUR	ATTENDANCE (Adults & Children)*		
		LOW	AVERAGE	HIGH
Holy Communion	8 A.M.	12	20	30
Morning Prayer	11 A.M.	110	140	180
Holy Communion	11 A.M.	120	160	200

*Use figures from Church Service Register

B. Weekday services:

TYPE OF SERVICE	DAY AND HOUR	ATTENDANCE*		
		LOW	AVERAGE	HIGH
Holy Communion	Sts. Days 10 A.M.	2	4-5	30-40

*Use figures from the Church Service Register

C. Special services or missions held during the average year (including Lent):

Co-operative services with five other Episcopal Churches on Wednesday nights.

D. Number and nature of services in which this congregation participates with other Episcopal congregations. State average attendance from this congregation:

See C. above. Also teaching mission in 1963, Advent.

E. What experiments or adjustments have been made in changing the hours or the format of services? Comment on results:

Not a great deal. Discussion has usually resulted in finding the present hours satisfactory.

F. Additional information about Sunday services:

1. Are birthdays, anniversaries, and the departed regularly remembered? No, just memorial flowers noted in leaflet.
2. Is there a coffee or hospitality hour after any service? Yes, once a month.
3. Is baby care provided during any service? No.

VI. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

A. Church School

1. Registration and attendance

a. Teachers and staff 12

b. Students 69

Total _____ n

c. Lowest total classroom attendance during the past year 31

d. Highest total classroom attendance during the past year (except for Christmas and Easter) 63

e. Are absentee cards used? Yes

f. How many months of the year is the church school in operation? 10

g. If teachers call on students in case of absence, or for other reasons, please give details.

2. Worship schedule

3. Instruction schedule

4. List the teaching aids used, including audio-visual material.

Film-Strip explaining new Seabury Material. Film on teaching methods. Several books on various phases of teaching and story telling suggested by course.

5. Describe the program for pre-school children.

Two well trained teachers hold service for the pre-schoolers. There is an active play period. Instruction period. Hand work time. Worship Service conducted at their level.

6. Data on the teaching staff

a. How are teachers recruited? Personal contact by Rector and Superintendent.

b. Describe the way in which teachers are trained, giving the number of sessions, the leaders, etc. In conjunction with the staff meetings, there is a training session conducted by the Rector. There are about 6 of these a year. Private with teachers and new material with the Rector beginning of each year. Diocesan Work Shops, etc.

c. How are teachers assisted in the performance of their duties?

Observers in Large Classes. Handwork materials supplied. Names and addresses and birthdates given. Absentees checked on by superintendent. Reference books supplied whenever requested.

d. Summary of teachers' backgrounds

<u>AGE</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>EDUCATION</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>YEARS TEACHING</u>	<u>Number</u>
19 years or less	<u>1</u>	Grade school	<u>12</u>	one	<u>6</u>
20 to 29	<u>1</u>	Junior high	<u>—</u>	two	<u>1</u>
30 to 39	<u>5</u>	Senior high 1 to 3 years	<u>12</u>	three	<u>2</u>
40 to 49	<u>5</u>	College	<u>2</u>	four	<u>1</u>
50 years or more	<u>—</u>	College grad.	<u>3</u>	five	<u>—</u>
		Graduate study	<u>1</u>	6 to 10	<u>2</u>
Male	<u>—</u>			11 to 20	<u>—</u>
Female	<u>—</u>	K-12		20 and over	<u>—</u>

7. What problems does the church school have? Old buildings, Not enough modern equipment. Tardiness of both students and teachers. Not enough time for a complete instruction period. Lack of a worship service. Feeling that we lack the fellowship of the children worshipping together, as a great many of the children do not attend the church service. Difficulties in obtaining an adequate number of teachers & observers.
- B. Vacation Church School
1. When is it held? _____
 2. For how long each day? _____
 3. What type of courses are taught? _____

 4. How many children attend, usually? _____
 5. How many of these children are regular pupils of this congregation's church school? _____
 6. How many teachers are there? _____
- C. Released Time Program
1. When are classes held? _____
 2. What type of courses are taught? _____

 3. How many of this congregation's children attend? _____
 4. What is the relationship of the teachers to this congregation?

 5. What is the relationship of the Released Time classes to the Christian education program of this congregation?

- D. Day School: If the congregation has a day school, please fill out the Parochial School Report Form and submit it with this report.

E. Confirmation Instruction

1. Children

- a. What is the usual age of confirmation? 10 b. How many instruction sessions are held? 10 - 12 c. How long is each session? 1 hour d. Who is the instructor? Rector e. What material is used? Offices of Instruction

f. What is the relationship of the confirmation class material to the regular church school curriculum? No specific correlation, but there is considerable overlap.

2. Adults

- a. How many sessions are held? 10 - 12 b. How long is each session?
1 hour c. Who is the instructor? Rector d. What
material is used? Offices of Instruction

F. Adult Education

1. List the general adult education program in the congregation, including Bible classes, parents' classes, discussion groups, etc.

2. What Retreats, missions, Quiet Days, etc., have the members participated in during the last two years? Estimate the total number of participants.

Altar Guild Quiet Days - 15-7 participants twice yearly.

Overnight Retreat for Women - 2 participants

3. What leader- and participant-training programs have been held in the last two years, such as the Indiana Plan, Parish Life Conferences, Missions, and Institutes? Estimate the total number of participants.

Pre-Lenten Study Workshop - 6 participants; Teacher Training Series - 3 participants; Youth Advisory Training Session - 1 participant; Church Librarian Conference - 1 participant.

G. How can the Christian education program of this congregation be strengthened?

Fuller participation by whole congregation to both learn and share with others.

More interest shown in Christian education in general, and more particularly, the Sunday School phase of it, by Vestry and other leaders.

VII. SUMMARY OF ORGANIZATIONS - Include, where applicable, vestry or bishop's committee, parish council, choirs, guilds, circles, ushers, acolytes (for men as well as boys), college work, etc.

A. For Women

1. Give the total number of adult women in the congregation. 262
2. Give the number of organizations for adult women. 6
3. Give the total active membership of all these organizations. _____

B. For Men

1. Give the total number of adult men in the congregation. 152
2. Give the number of organizations for adult men. 6
3. Give the total membership of all these organizations. _____

C. For Men and Women

1. Give the number of organizations for men and women. 10
2. Give the total active membership of all these organizations. _____

D. For Girls in:

	<u>grade school</u>	<u>junior high</u>	<u>high school</u>
1. Total number of girls	—	<u>10</u>	<u>8</u>
2. Number of organizations	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
3. Total active membership	—	<u>10</u>	<u>5</u>

E. For Boys in:

	<u>grade school</u>	<u>junior high</u>	<u>high school</u>
1. Total number of boys	—	<u>3</u>	<u>7</u>
2. Number of organizations	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
3. Total active membership	—	<u>3</u>	<u>7</u>

F. For Youth in:

	<u>grade school</u>	<u>junior high</u>	<u>high school</u>
1. Number of organizations	—	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
2. Total active membership	—	<u>13</u>	<u>12</u>

N.B. Please make a separate report for each individual organization, using the format on the following pages.

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name Women of St. Peter's

Total active members 35 Average attendance at meetings 12 last Monday
Number of meetings each month 1 Day and time of meetings 12 p.m.

B. Why does this organization exist?

To study, to work, to serve - to further the program of churchwomen.
To be informed of the work of a Mighty Church. To know and enjoy the
companionship of other women.

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn?

Women of mature years. (Few members less than 35 years of age)

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

Has Prayer and Worship Chairman. Pray together. Bible is read. Makes
Mission Study. Has speakers of current and religious value.

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

Major money raising effort - two rummage sales. Helps with other parish
affairs.

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

Major problem: too few people really interested. The opportunities are
great. The Women of St. Peter's are a force for good but they need
direction and education.

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness? We need to become more mind-

ful of this community. We need to become less opposed to change. We
must reach out and look at what others are doing. We must speak our minds
but do so thoughtfully. We must always remember that we are Christians
and Episcopalians and act in such a manner that ~~will~~ people will be drawn
to enquire about our work. The churchmen of the Early Church lived their
religion and by doing so remade much of man's thought. We must realize

Signed by: _____ Title: _____

that the greatest hour for the Christian is that one when, armed by sermons and sacrament, he goes forth into the world to be the Church.

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name St. Peter's Altar Guild

Total active members 18 Average attendance at meetings 15

Number of meetings each month _____ Day and time of meetings All
meetings at call of the President

B. Why does this organization exist?

To function as a working unit to assist the Rector and to assume all responsibility for the care of the Altars and their appointments.

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn? No specified group. Any confirmed member may serve.

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

Try to keep a reverent attitude. All meetings include prayer by the Rector or Devotional Chairman. Try to teach members the historical and religious significance of our work.

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

Representatives attend monthly Diocesan meetings. Participate in all Diocesan activities: Spring Meetings, Quiet Evenings and Days, etc.

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

The opportunity to increase and expand this important unit of the Church. The problem is stimulating more interest and knowledge about us and our work.

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness: Try some way to attract

more members willing to work in our Guild as an offering to God for His infinite goodness and mercy.

Signed by: Violet C. Fesperman Title: President

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name Choir

Total active members 38 Average attendance at meetings 30

Number of meetings each month 8 Day and time of meetings Thurs. 7:30 PM
Sundays 11 AM

B. Why does this organization exist?

Provide music for church service

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn?

All groups

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

Training under choirmaster

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

Special services and concerts

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

The major opportunity offered is the study and utilization of the music of the church. The problem is the recruitment of qualified singers with an interest in furthering their musical knowledge.

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness?

Reduce absenteas

Increase loyalty of the personnel

Increase requirements for admissions.

Signed by: Charles W. Miller

Title: Chairman - Music Committee

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name Quaintance Club

Total active members 20 Average attendance at meetings 23

Number of meetings each month 1 Day and time of meetings 2nd Tuesday
8:15 PM

B. Why does this organization exist?

For Parish projects and fellowship

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn?

Married couples

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

Prayer prior to beginning of each meeting.

Corporate Communion service once a year.

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

Other parish projects.

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

Problems: Recruiting new members.

Opportunities: To become involved in the activities of the parish.

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness?

Acquire more members to originate new ideas and make the meetings
more interesting.

Signed by: Martha D. Precht Title: President

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name VESTRY

Total active members 12 Average attendance at meetings 10
4 per year plus

Number of meetings each month extras Day and time of meetings 8 PM
Weekdays

B. Why does this organization exist?

The Vestry is responsible (A) For safeguarding the church property and seeing to it that it is kept in good condition. (B) the proper disbursing of all fund entrusted - See "E".

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn?

Male Adults

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

—

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

... to it without extravagance or waste, but with due regard for maintaining the proper functions of the church, including suitable compensation for salaried personnel.

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

(C) The vestry should, last but not least, take the lead in furthering the spiritual growth of the parish, including promoting unity and good feeling among the members of the parish.

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness? The major opportunity is
sharing our belief with those outside the church walls by carrying the
Good News to the community. Major problems: (1) too many churches in an
urban area where people are moving out; (2) a large plant geared to a
membership twice what we have which results in constant financial difficulties.

Signed by: Roger Conant Title: Rector's Warden

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name Episcopal Young Churchmen (Women)

Total active members 20 Average attendance at meetings 15

Number of meetings each month 4 Day and time of meetings 7:30 - 9 PM
Sunday Evenings

B. Why does this organization exist?

Fellowship, Discussion, Growth - both spiritually and socially.

Create awareness of problems affecting the church and society.

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn?

Teen Age Group - Ages 13-17

D. Describe the worship and educational program.

Prayer - Group Discussions - Films - Youth Services (Some recreational activities: bowling, dancing.)

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

See "D"

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

Opportunities: Open new horizons for social and religious service;

awareness of local and national problems. Problems: Need for more

concerned ADULT AID, plus difficulty of making young people from relatively sheltered homes aware of ills of world and city!!

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness? Enlist more Parish Support: leaders. Attempt to make group more integral part of Parish Program.

XXXXXX

Signed by: John A. Allen LeVay, Jr.
Joseph H. Bosworth

Title: Co-Leader
" "

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name Parish Council

Total active members 13 Average attendance at meetings 7

Number of meetings each month 0 Day and time of meetings 8 PM Tues.
4 times a year

B. Why does this organization exist?

To plan events of calendar year

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn? Heads of
every group in Church.

D. Describe the worship and educational program.

Worship at every meeting with Rector. Learn activities of each or-
ganization and to fit them in calendar year.

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

Plan monthly fellowship hours, dinners and other affairs of church.

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

To be present with heads of each organization and to exchange views.

Problems of each organization are discussed.

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness? More members to attend meeting
meetings.

XHSGX

Signed by: Herbert Lindley

Title: President of Parish Council

IX. CLERGY OR LAY READERS IN CHARGE SINCE 1930

A. Does the present minister live in the neighborhood? Yes

Does he give full time to this church? Yes If not, what other church(es) does he serve, or what other work does he do?

B. How many people from this parish have gone into full time work for the church within the past ten years, or are now studying for such work? None. Please give details.

C. How many licensed lay readers serve the congregation now? One
Do any lay readers from this congregation serve other congregations? No
If so, which congregations? _____

X. FINANCE

A. Income (Last Full Year): (1) Pleasues \$ 20,699.10 (2) Plate offerings \$ 957.37 (3) Parish or mission organization \$ 4,432.64 (4) Endowments \$ 2,155.48 (5) Special fun. drives \$ 2201.00 (6) Other (please specify) \$ Chirstmas

\$1,220.35 Easter \$1,283.00

B. Disbursements

Total current expenses

	1954	1955	1956	Last Full Year
8,500	9,500	12,725	17,280.20	20,383.00
424.42	493.42	566.03	652.24	643.00
2,074.62	1,300	2,049.35	4,062.00	4,087.81
12,006.70	800	8,981.25	8,074.51	3,087.47

Clergy salary or salaries:
from congregation

	1955	1956	Last Full Year
4,000	4,200	4,600	4,752.50

b) _____

from other sources

a) _____

b) _____

Rental value of the rectory

t Is the church in debt? No Amount of debt \$ _____ Method of repayment _____

Finance (cont'd)

7. Is a thorough Every Member Canvass conducted each year? No

If yes, by mail or personal solicitation? _____ Describe the training of the canvassers. _____

8. What other means of fund raising or stewardship education are used?

Bazaars - Dinners

9. If this is a mission or aided parish, what is the potential for self-support? _____

10. Additional comments or information on finances:

C. Travel:

1. Does the priest have a car? Yes

2. By whom is the car purchased? Priest I Congregation Diocese

3. How much is the annual operating expense of the car, omitting depreciation? \$ _____ 4. By whom is the operating expense paid? Priest

5. How much does the local congregation pay. _____

6. Average number of miles traveled per month on church business _____

XI. CHRISTIAN EVANGELISM AND VISITATION

A. Clergy pastoral calling during the past year by rector or vicar:*

TYPE OF CALL	NUMBER OF CALLS PER WEEK		
	LOW	AVERAGE	HIGH
1. Family or routine parish	5	10	15
2. Sick or emergency	5	10	15
3. Calls for other purposes	Hard to assess - no record		
4. Time set aside for pastoral calling:	<u>Generally each afternoon</u>		
5. How do the clergy organize their parish calling?	<u>By the basis of need, sickness, troubled, etc. Usually have a week's calling laid out on the basis of situations that have risen the previous week. This is more and more true as time goes on in the parish.</u>		
6. How do the clergy organize their calling on the unchurched and newcomers?	<u>Call on new persons within a week of receiving their names when possible.</u>		
7. Time spent in pastoral counseling (average hours per week)	<u>10 - 15</u>		
* Please give similar information, separately, for other clergy.			
B. Lay calling:			
1. Describe the Zone or Neighborhood Organization.	<u>Not by zone. One family to one individual. They are responsible to make the minimum of one call a month, and of course, to exceed this minimum rule at their convenience.</u>		
2. Describe the program of lay pastoral visitation, including the number of participants and the time spent.	<u>About twenty people, cover about twenty shut-ins.</u>		

3. Describe the program of lay evangelism (including the congregation's approach to newcomers and to the unchurched), giving the number of participants and the amount of time. Not very formalized.

Fairly warm welcome at services or meetings with follow-up visit by Rector. Visit or call by member of congregation.

4. How are newcomers integrated into the life of this congregation?

Call and invitation to participate in activities by member whom Rector considers to have apparent similarities. Integration dependent on newcomer.

5. Describe any religious census of the area made by the congregation itself or with other churches during the last ten years.

None

XII. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. What use is made of the press? Notice of special services and activities.

- B. What use is made of radio and/or television? None

- C. What use is made of the U.S. Mail? Monthly newsletter, notices of special events, and seasonal letters of inspiration.

- D. Describe the regular publications which are mailed or distributed, including Sunday bulletins, parish newsletters, etc.

Bulletin - Weekly distribution

Newsletter - Monthly mailing

Forward - Seasonal distribution.

- E. How many church road signs are there? 3

XIII. NEIGHBORHOOD OR COMMUNITY

- A. Is this congregation community-minded? No
- B. Describe the clergy participation in community affairs. Member of Executive Committee, Religious Council of Germantown and Vicinity (Minister-Hospitalium); Secretary of Advisory Committee, Germantown/School of Nursing; Participant in Chaplaincy Program for Germantown Hospital; Member of Board, Wayne-Harvey Area Neighborhood Association.
- C. Describe the participation of the congregation in community affairs. None as congregation, but individuals active in neighborhood Civic Associations, service clubs and groups, and Germantown Community Council.
-
- D. Describe the general parish program for the community (including such church-sponsored programs as Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, etc.):
No regular program
-
-
-
- E. List community organizations using the parish hall and its facilities:
Wayne-Harvey Area Neighborhood Civic Association
Germantown Chapter of Alcoholics Anonymous
Germantown Play Group (pre-kindergarten)
-
- F. Describe the way in which the congregation cooperates with other religious bodies:
World Day of Prayer, Lenten Services with six other Episcopal Churches of Germantown, occasional meetings of Rectors and Wardens from Episcopal Churches in Germantown.

XIV. PARTICIPATION IN DIOCESAN AND NATIONAL CHURCH PROGRAMS:

A. What offices do the clergy hold in the diocese, missionary district, or National Church? The Rector is Diocesan Youth Advisor, Correspondent to the Living Church magazine, member of Leadership Training Division, member of committee on unmet needs of the Aged; Junior High School youth conference chairman; Secretary, Board, House of Rest for Aged.

B. What offices do the lay people hold in the diocese, missionary district, or National Church? Two members of the Altar Guild are officers in the Diocesan Altar Guild; one member is an officer of the Diocesan and Provincial Daughters of the King; one nurse has served at youth conferences of the diocese.

C. What diocesan or National Church programs have directly benefited this congregation? Christian Ed. through the Rector; world-view given the women on the diocesan altar guild; new outlook on the church by young people who attend conferences.

D. Describe the men's participation in diocesan program: Corporate Communion breakfasts, from 10-20 men each year, twice a year.

E. Describe the women's participation in diocesan program: See above.

Also, much handwork done for overseas, knitting, etc.

F. Describe youth participation in diocesan programs: Through summer conferences, perhaps five or six young people each year.

G. Does this congregation pay its full Missionary share or quota? Yes

H. What percent of the congregation's budget goes for missionary work.
Between a fifth and a fourth.

XV. STAFF

- A. List all paid personnel working for this congregation, giving title, function, and salary, and telling whether full or part-time.

Sexton ■ ■

Secretary _____ **Part time** _____

Choir and Chirmaster

Digitized by srujanika@gmail.com

[View Details](#) | [Edit](#) | [Delete](#)

Digitized by srujanika@gmail.com

Digitized by srujanika@gmail.com

[View Details](#) | [Edit](#) | [Delete](#)

Digitized by srujanika@gmail.com

[View Details](#) | [Edit](#) | [Delete](#)

Digitized by srujanika@gmail.com

Digitized by srujanika@gmail.com

Digitized by srujanika@gmail.com

11. What is your overall perception of this arrangement?

Digitized by srujanika@gmail.com

Digitized by srujanika@gmail.com

For more information about the study, please contact Dr. John P. Morrissey at (212) 639-7300 or via email at jmorrissey@nyp.edu.

[View Details](#) | [Edit](#) | [Delete](#)

Digitized by srujanika@gmail.com

Digitized by srujanika@gmail.com

XVI. FUTURE POLICY, PROGRAM, AND BUDGET

A. In adopting a policy for an expanded program for this congregation, in order to vitalize its Christian witness to the community; to extend its outreach of Christian fellowship to all the unchurched; to increase initiative and responsibility for all members of the congregation; to develop local financial resources with a view towards self-support and parochial status (if not already attained); and to further other essential advances, what are the immediate needs as to:

1. Personnel: Social Worker - in Germantown Area - affiliated with parishes

2. Buildings: Modernization
Crisis in Chapel - heater broken down.

3. Equipment: Visual aid for education
Piano for choir program

B. What are the major opportunities that face this congregation?

Greater interdependence

Work with children and young people in community

C. What are the major problems that face this congregation?

Large plant geared to smaller congregation results in constant financial difficulties.

D. What program needs seem evident on the basis of this Study?

Establishment of parish committees for more total involvement. Re-assessed role of Vestry to Finance and Property.

E. What would be the approximate capital cost to meet these needs?

F. What would be the annual operating budget to maintain the program?

Program will be presented to Finance Committee of Vestry

G. What steps are now being taken locally to meet these needs and opportunities?

(Answered individual reports)

H. What steps are now being taken by the diocese or district, or might be taken, to assist in meeting these needs and opportunities?

Bps. support of Prayer Vigil

I. Further info or comment on the general needs and problems of this congregation:

See Above

The data in this report were furnished by the following committee:

NAME	OCCUPATION	NUMBER OF YEARS IN PARISH
<u>The Rev. Warren H. Davis, Jr.</u>	<u>Rector</u>	<u>9½</u>
<u>Mr. J. TenBreek Runk</u>		<u>30</u>
<u>Mr. Roger Conant</u>		<u>28</u>
<u>Mr. John Scruggs</u>		<u>5</u>
<u>Mr. Frederick W. Breidenfield</u>		<u>12</u>
<u>Mr. Joseph D. Watchorn</u>		<u>16</u>
<u>Mr. John LeVay</u> Date completed:	<u>April 16, 1964</u>	<u>6</u>
Mr. John G. Fleek		<u>22</u>
Mr. William R. Precht		<u>27</u>
Mr. A. Lentz Fesperman		<u>40</u>
Mr. Joseph H. Bosworth		<u>10</u>

PH 0
JT.wj1
6

REPORTED MEMBERSHIP FROM MAPS

There were 548 persons identified on the membership map submitted by this congregation. They were located in one Bucks County Census Tract, one Chester County Census Tract, six Delaware Census Tracts, 14 Montgomery County Census Tracts, and 51 census tracts in the City of Philadelphia. No one census tract had over 17% of the parish membership residing in it. The largest group was to be found in Census Tract 21-B to the west of church properties, and the next largest in Census Tract 59-F which is across Wayne Avenue from the church properties.

A detailed print-out of the membership distribution will be found following this discussion. Parish leaders may wish to review this with reference to a census tract map.

MEMBERSHIP DISTRIBUTION TABLE

PARISH PHILADELPHIA

ST PETERS

CENSUS TRACT OR AREA	NUMBER OF MAPPED MEMBERS	PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL MAPPED MEMBERSH.P
8 8B	1	2
C 44	1	2
D 2	1	2
D 7	1	2
D 9	1	4
D 35	2	5
D 67	3	2
D 98 B	1	9
M 16 A	16	9
M 17 B	5	2
M 24 A	1	2
M 25	1	2
M 45	1	2
M 9 C	2	4
M 10 B	2	4
M 12 A	7	13
M 31 A	7	4
M 31 B	2	2
M 40 B	1	7
M 101	4	7
M 103	4	2
M 104	12	4
8 B	2	2
S D	1	4
20 D	2	
21 B	39	162
21 F	4	7
21 L	7	13
21 S	2	4
21 T	3	5
21 U	5	9
22 A	1	2
22 B	5	9
22 D	3	5
22 E	2	4
22 F	2	4
22 I	1	2
22 L	6	10
22 N	1	2
22 O	1	2
22 P	7	13
33 F	1	2
35 A	4	7
38 A	4	7
38 C	3	5
38 D	6	10
41 G	1	2
42 E	3	5
42 H	1	2
43 B	2	4
45 G	1	2
46 I	1	2
49 D	2	4
50 A	1	2
50 D	1	2

MEMBERSHIP DISTRIBUTION TABLE

PARISH

CENSUS TRACT OR AREA	NUMBER OF MAPPED MEMBERS	PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL MAPPED MEMBERSHIP
50 F	1	2
55 C	3	5
56 J	1	2
58 B	1	2
59 A	6	10
59 B	6	10
59 C	10	18
59 D	48	87
59 E	19	35
59 F	81	148
X 59 G	41	75
59 H	22	40
59 I	8	15
59 J	6	10
59 K	1	2
59 M	3	5
59 N	1	2
59 O	3	5
IN STATE	2	4
OUT STATE	24	44
	548	1000

PH-80
UT:wjl

REPORTED MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCIAL DATA FROM JOURNALS

This portion of the Study is concerned with the figures taken from the Journals of the Diocese of Pennsylvania. Statistics were gathered for every fifth year from 1940 to 1960 and for the next three years thereafter. Details of these vital statistics may be seen on the special chart that follows this discussion.

The reported baptized membership fell and rose again between 1940 and 1955. By 1960 it had declined once again only to rise in 1961 and fall again in 1962. Some question as to the validity of these reported figures is raised. For example, a decline of 156 is noted between 1961 and 1962. This is followed in 1963 by an increase of 186. It would appear that parish leaders should investigate.

On the other hand, the reported communicants of the parish have declined slowly but steadily from 1940 to 1963, except for a slight holding of the line in 1960-61 years.

The church school enrollment figures have fluctuated through the years. Since 1961 the figure has remained about the same.

The Division of Research has observed that, generally, the church school enrollment figures added to the communicants will approximate the reported baptized membership. Where this does not happen, as in some of the reporting years at St. Peter's, it means that either the reported figures are not correct, that there is a significant number of non-confirmed adults in the congregation, or the church school is not reaching its full potential.

From 1961 through 1963, there were 37 persons baptized and 34 persons presented for confirmation in St. Peter's Church. These figures represent 3.6% and 3.3% respectively of the communicant strength. Comparable ratios are 3.9% and 4.1% for the Diocese of Pennsylvania, and 5.5% and 5.8% respectively for the Episcopal Church nationally.

PH-80
T:wjl
8

From 1961 through 1963 the total reported expenditures of this congregation amounted to \$91,601.00 and of this amount, \$12,933.00 or 14.1% was spent for missionary work. The Diocesan ratio is 14.9%.

Expenditures per communicant during this three-year period amounted to \$89.37 for the parish and \$73.71 for the Diocese.

Extra parochial expenditures per communicant are computed to be \$12.62 for the parish during this three-year period and \$10.45 for the Diocese.

VITAL STATISTICS

PARISH ST. PETER
 COUNTY PHILADELPHIA

TOWN GERMANTOWN
 DIOCESE PENNSYLVANIA

	1940	1945	1950	1955	1960	1961	1962	1963
Baptized Members	700	580	641	681	582	588	432	618
Communicants	665	508	500	439	348	352	347	326
Church School	152	93	98	170	105	84	87	81
Baptisms	14	12	11	12	11	15	12	10
Percentage of Communicants	2.1	2.4	2.2	2.7	3.2	4.3	3.5	3.1
Confirmations	19	16	14	13	11	23	2	9
Percentage of Communicants	2.9	3.1	2.8	3.0	3.2	6.5	0.6	2.8
Parochial Expenditures 1	11,091	12,388	16,865	19,850	22,416	23,531	21,223	23,368
Special Par. Expenditures 2	3,278	17,089	6,359	19,976	6,365	2,381	4,102	4,013
Extra-parochial Expenditures 3	2,854	3,005	3,234	3,833	4,075	3,685	4,952	4,296
Total Reported Expenditures	17,223	32,482	26,458	43,659	32,856	29,647	30,277	31,677
Expenditures per Communicant	25.90	63.94	52.92	99.45	94.41	84.22	87.25	97.17
Extra-parochial Expenditures per Communicant	4.29	5.92	6.47	8.73	11.71	10.47	14.27	13.18

1 Includes clergy salary, current expense, pension premium, and Diocesan assessment.

2 Special parish purposes, including capital expenditures.

3 Includes Church's Program, special outside.

PH-80
wjl
9

DATA ON THE CONGREGATION

There were only 241 persons recorded on the age and sex chart of the Episcopal Census submitted by this congregation. This number is 44% of the 548 mapped members of the congregation and 39% of the 618 baptized members reported in the Journal of the Diocese. The Division of Research regrets that the 241 respondents is too small a percentage of the total congregation to give a statistically valid picture of the congregation's characteristics. A minimum of 80% of the members must be reported on before any valid conclusions can be drawn.

The following is a tabulation of the data that were received. Of the 241 respondents, 96 were male and 145 were female. Included in the group were 25 children under 10, 21 older children and teen-agers, 21 adults in their 20's, 25 adults in their 30's, 24 adults in their 40's, 36 adults in their 50's, 40 adults in their 60's, and 49 adults 70 years of age and over.

Of 278 occupations reported on, 175 persons were non-gainfully employed. The total number included 19 pre-students, 45 students, 71 housewives, 32 professional people, 5 managers, 25 clerical workers, 18 sales workers, 10 craftsmen, 3 semi-skilled workers, 3 domestic workers, 5 service workers, 2 farm laborers, 38 retired persons, and 2 unemployed.

Of 274 respondents, 4 persons replied that they were not baptized and 55 said that they were not confirmed.

Length of membership in this congregation was given by 268 respondents. Included in this number were 32 who had been at St. Peter's Church 50 years or more, 39 who had been there from 30 to 50 years, 26 from 20 to 30 years, 49 from 10 to 20 years, 34 from 5 to 10 years, and 43 less than 5 years. It is pointed out that this latter group includes children under 5.

PH-80
T:wjl
10

The educational level of adults 25 years of age and over in the parish was requested, and there were 205 responses. This number included 60 persons who reported they were college graduates, 35 who said they had attended college, 54 high school graduates, 30 who had attended high school, 15 who had an elementary education, and 1 who had a primary education.

Non-members of the Episcopal Church residing in parish homes were asked to give their religious denomination. Included in the respondents were 2 Baptist, 2 Lutherans, 1 Methodist, 5 Presbyterians, 5 Roman Catholics, 1 United, 4 Reformed Episcopal, 1 Unitarian, and 1 Reformed. By way of contrast, present members of the Episcopal Church who had a former religious affiliation were asked to list it. There were 15 responses. This number included 3 Lutherans, 3 Methodist, 4 Presbyterians, 3 Roman Catholics, 1 Reformed Episcopal, and 1 other Christian.

Of 187 respondents, 142 said they were of Anglo-Saxon stock, 32 came from Northern European sources, 11 from Southern Europe, 1 was Russian or Slovak, 1 was Negro.

Families or individuals were asked to report the distance they lived from the church facilities. There were 135 responses, including 88 who lived less than one mile away, 11 from one to two miles, 11 from two to three miles, 4 from three to four miles, and 21 four miles or more. Travel times was given by 127 families or individuals, including 39 who needed less than ten minutes, 60 from ten to twenty minutes, 12 from twenty to thirty minutes, and 16 thirty minutes or more.

Members of this congregation were asked to report whether they were living in residences that they owned or not. Of 119 respondents, 71 said they owned their homes.

PH:80
JWT:WL
P.11

The type of dwelling was reported on by 131 respondents, and included 66 single-family dwellings, 16 duplexes, 43 apartments, 2 rooming houses, and four in institutions. The ages of 97 residences were given and 53 were erected before 1920, 16 were built between 1920 and 1940, 26 were built between 1940 and 1960, and 2 have been erected since 1960.

DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, Germantown, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

PH-80
JWT/CL
LR
1

Located in an area of Germantown that is undergoing change, St. Peter's Church is, and has been, facing the problems of a declining membership with accompanying financial difficulties due primarily to the maintenance of a plant larger than is currently needed. The Church Self-Study Form reports the situation as being "too many churches in an urban area where people are moving out".

Data submitted in this Study show that almost 55% of the members of the parish live in seven census tracts surrounding the church building. St. Peter's Church reaches approximately 24% of all Episcopalians living in this area. The Episcopal Census from this parish was too small to be statistically valid, but it is interesting to note that 36 of 135 respondents report that they live more than two miles from the church. Of 127 respondents, 28 report that they require more than 20 minutes travel time to reach the church, while an additional 60 respondents need from 10 to 20 minutes to reach the church.

It is difficult to ascertain the exact growth or loss factor in the size of the parish, because membership figures in the Church Self-Study Form are at variance with the figures printed in the Journals of the Diocese of Pennsylvania. These obvious discrepancies should be noted and checked upon. For example, the reported baptized membership as shown in the Journal increased from 432 —

PHI-80
JWT/st
sk
2

in 1960 to 618 in 1963, or by 186 persons. It is to be observed, also, that in many places in the Church Self-Study Form, figures do not add up correctly; are at variance with similar figures reported elsewhere; or are not reasonable. By way of illustration, it will be seen that on Page K-7 of the Church Self-Study Form the 1960 baptized membership is different from that reported in the Journal; the current number of communicants reported as being 479 is far different from the 326 reported in the Journal; the church school enrollment of 70 does not match the figures on Page K-10 which are reported to be 71, but when totaled, amount to 81. It will also be noted on Page K-16 that there are 10 organizations listed for men and women together, in addition to the six organizations for women and six organizations for men recorded. All this suggests that an objective look could be taken of the reporting methods used in the parish.

At the time of the Survey the rector of this parish had submitted his resignation and there was some discussion as to whether or not St. Peter's Church would merge with another congregation in the area, or call a new rector of its own. The General Division of Research and Field Study understands that a new rector has been called. Certainly one of the primary problems to be solved is the question of the continued existence of the congregation. If it has not already been done, it is recommended that a Parish Study Committee be appointed and that both men and women, representing all aspects of the life of the congregation, form the membership. This committee should receive and analyze this Survey report, which would serve as a first step in making an objective survey of population growth or loss, ethnic distribution, evangelistic

PH-80
JWT/st
sk
3

opportunities, and areas needing community ministry and service into which St. Peter's Church might move. It should be borne in mind that when a community is undergoing a change, a change in which older and larger residences are either being sub-divided into apartments or replaced by housing developments, the total population in the geographic area rises. It may be that the same types of people will not be living in the area, but it does provide the congregation with a choice: either minister to the new people moving into the area, or gradually retreat into splendid isolation.

Reports in the Church Self-Study Form disclose that the congregation of St. Peter's Church is not community-minded, and although friendly to newcomers, is somewhat of an ingrown family. It is suggested that one of the major programs that is needed in St. Peter's is to develop a sense of outreach and mindfulness of the community, with less opposition to change. The salvation of this parish may lie in forgetting itself, and emphasizing a ministry to others.

The Church Self-Study Form speaks of the need for a social worker in the Germantown area. Since there is a high degree of communication and co-operation between the Episcopal churches in Germantown, it is suggested that St. Peter's become the motivating force to consider the development of social service work. Since the diocesan programs may enter somewhat into this picture, it is felt that liaison with the office of the Archdeacon should be firmly established in this matter.

The history of the Every Member Canvass in this parish apparently has been brief. It is recommended that a long-range stewardship education

PH-80
JWT/st
sk
4

program be established with emphasis on proportionate giving looking to tithing. The Church Self-Study Form reports that the Missionary Share or Quota was not paid in full last year. Such activities as bazaars and dinners for the purpose of raising money are all right if the proceeds to special missionary projects outside of the local congregation. The average pledge per communicant is figured at \$65.50 for St. Peter's Church. Even though many individuals in the congregation may be giving sacrificially, and although there is undoubtedly a large number of older people living on fixed incomes, this average pledge, based on 316 communicants, could be improved.

The church school reports problems having to do with an old building, the need for modern equipment, and a sense of isolation. It is suggested that thought be given to the establishment of a family-type service at which children and adults share a portion of the service together, with the children then leaving for classes. If this is not feasible then a decision as to whether worship or classroom studies are more important will have to be made. Why does the church school have to meet on Sunday? Some parishes across the country report that Saturday morning or weekday afternoons give them more time for better instruction, and, also, this affords an opportunity for worship with their parents. If the present schedule is to be maintained, it is suggested that cleaner windows and the removal of the musty odor in the parish house will physically, and no doubt psychologically, help both teachers and pupils.

Because most of the programs in the Church Self-Study Form appear to be of a somewhat self-serving

PH-80

JWT/st

sk

5

nature, it is suggested further that a re-evaluation of all existing groups and programs be made in an objective manner. No sense of criticism for past leadership and loyalties is implied, but in the light of rapidly changing situations, some present groups or programs may no longer meet present-day needs, and they can be gracefully retired with appreciation for past efforts.

All data indicate that St. Peter's Church needs to take a more realistic look at itself and adjust its emphasis from self-concern to one of ministry and outreach beyond parochial walls. The purpose of any parish is to help fulfill the Divine Commission. As St. Peter's Church continues and strengthens its determination to do this, it will find renewed strength and vigor.